

EDITORIALS

Trees and Beauty

With members of the city's garden clubs out in full force, the city gained several valuable new trees last week in observance of Arbor Day—a day set aside to encourage the planting of trees throughout the nation.

The program of the various clubs in providing new trees for city lawns and parkways is a noble one, and should receive the support of all individuals and organizations in the city.

One of the marks of a beautiful city is its trees—and Torrance, as a young and growing city, must move now if it is to be included in the class of beautiful cities in the future.

Individuals can help by adding to their trees around the home. City laws have required subdividers to put trees in the parkways of the city's new home tracts, but trees elsewhere on the property are the responsibility of the homeowner.

If you don't have anything to do this week end—go plant a tree. The dividends will be great.

Chain-Letter Scheme

Periodically, the ugly spectre of the chain letter raises its fraudulent head to hoax gullible persons into thinking they have a chance to get something for nothing.

Noting that reports indicate a renewal of the schemes recently, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield warned that those who participate in such activities may be subject to criminal prosecution.

He emphasized that those putting their money into these schemes seldom get anything, and usually lose out altogether.

Summerfield's remarks came on the heels of a disclosure that new "Savings Bond Clubs" have been spotted having all the faults of the chain letter although the lists are exchanged by hand and not through the mails.

Neither the fact that savings bonds are used to give an aura of respectability to the schemes, nor the fact that the lists of the participants are not circulated in the mails alters the illegality of these operations, Summerfield warned.

Chain letter schemes always turn out so that the few who start them may get back a little more than their investment—at the risk of criminal prosecution—while practically all the others lose their money. Such an outcome is inevitable inasmuch as the supply of interested persons is soon exhausted.

Opinions of Others

Below are two quotes attributed to Lincoln that we feel is most pertinent to present conditions. He is reported to have said:

"You cannot lift the wage-earner by pulling down the wage-payer."

"You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

The above two very wise statements are as applicable today as they were when Lincoln spoke them nearly a century ago.—Whiteville (N.C.) News Reporter.

Dr. Charles H. Kline, scientific director of a large New Jersey company, in a speech in New York, said that proper management is more important than money if research is to be effective. . . . We think that his words drive at the root of the United States' lag in the missile race. Congress, in seeking a solution, should not overlook the hindrances to efficiency caused by Washington's bureaucratic web of confusion.—Wilmington (N.C.) Morning Star.

LAW IN ACTION

The Iffy Giftie

One spring day Jack squirmed Jill into a shop to look at a mink coat.

The price? "I'll buy it," said Jack, "for \$4000."

"Nope, five, said the clerk. "Four or nothing" said Jack.

Fast-thinking Jill took the clerk into the back room and got him to "sell" at Jack's price, saying she'd chip in the difference.

So Jack "bought," signed the slip, put the mink of Jill, and she left wearing it. She secretly came back, paid the \$1000 and left the coat to be monogrammed.

Unbeknownst to the shop, Jack and Jill that evening had a spat. Jack had told her he'd give her the coat if she'd give up other men. Yet that very night he caught her breaking her word. He wanted to "angive" the gift.

So next day he stormed in, claimed the coat, and again told the clerk he'd pay only the \$4000.

But the shop would not hand it over either to Jack or Jill, though it did offer her back her \$1000.

Jill sued for the coat, and Jack "rescinded" the contract to pay for it.

The shop then asked the court to decide who (for full payment) would get the coat.

In rejudging Jill, could be also rejudge his deal? The California Supreme Court said he could, because fraud is a ground for ending a contract. Jack "was actively misled as to a material element in the purchase and as to an essential characteristic of the gift. He believed that the gift was purchased entirely by him so that it could be given in its entirety as a gift."

Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

The Game Still Favors The Hitter



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

Case of the Promising Swain

Dear Ann: How I got into this mess is more than I'll ever be able to understand.

I left my husband three years ago because I thought I was in love with someone else. My ex-husband remarried last year. He and his wife fight constantly.

The man I thought I was in love with has been promising to marry me, but he always finds reasons why we should wait. I'm getting nervous because I know it isn't right to live like this.

My mother tells me I should go back to my first husband because I still love him. She says he loves me, too, and we belong together. In plain language, she's urging me to break up his marriage.

I honestly want him back, but I don't want any more sins on my record. What is the best thing to do?—M.J.M.

What does your mother mean—you should "go back" to your husband? He HAS a wife.

This is one case in which Mother does NOT know best. The fact that your ex-husband is fighting with his wife is no business of yours.

Your present house-keeping arrangement is immoral. Move out at once. When a woman makes the foolish mistake of sharing living quarters with a man who deals in "futures" she usually finds that his promises are written on flowing waters and shifting sands.

My advice is to forget about both of these men. One is married and the other does not care to be.

Dear Ann: I'm a boy 16



"There are only two kinds of people in the world—those in the swim and those in the soup."—F. P. Madison.

with a real problem. My father is too strict. His mother lives with us, and she keeps yakking about how wild the kids are today and how he should watch me. She's in her second childhood, but Pa isn't even 50 yet.

I can go to school dances once a month, but not to a public dance. He says I can learn to drive next summer, but he refuses to let me ride in a car with other kids. If this isn't nutty what is?

Do you think it would be OK if I went riding once in a while against his will? And would it be bad if I sneaked out of the house at night now and then?—M.J.M.

Sorry, Bud, you came to the wrong shoulder to cry on. I certainly DO think it would be bad if you went riding "against his will" or sneaked out of the house at night "now and then."

If Pa permits you to go to school dances and has promised to let you drive next summer he isn't as impossible as you seem to think. Maybe he's seen some of your nit-witted friends careening around corners on two wheels and he doesn't want you to become a statistic.

You don't mention dating. If you'd like to take a gal to the movies a couple times a month, I'll second the motion. But please don't ask me to OK sneaking out of the house. You'd destroy Pa's confidence and be a pedestrian for the rest of your life.

Dear Ann: I've been married seven years and we have three lovely youngsters. My husband is a hard-working, serious type and treats me like a queen. But something is missing in our marriage and I can't figure out what it is.

We never argue or fight. Although money is a little scarce, we have a paid-for house and everything we really need. I've tried to analyze my situation and whenever I compare it with our friends, I come out ahead.

Why do I have that "empty feeling"?—Shelly.

A woman with a wonderful husband who "treats her like a queen," three lovely children, no major clouds hanging over her head, and yet complains about an "empty feeling," must have a head to match.

You've been reading too many trashy stories, and listening to too many sloppy serials, Toots. Stop dreaming—and count your blessings.

Confidentially: Gone Gosling: You can't beat a fellow over the head and make him love you. They say "distance lends enchantment," why not try enchanting him from a distance? I'll bet he could use a rest.

(Ann Landers will be happy to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of THE HERALD and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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AFTER HOURS by John Morley

Foreign Aid Program Explored

It is obvious to the nation that on the question of foreign aid both Republican and Democrats agree it is necessary and, at worst, a necessary evil. Most Democrats even go a step further. They want foreign aid doubled or tripled. This could be because the Democratic party caters to the foreign-born or to the naturalized citizen. Or it could be that they believe that the present \$280 billion debt and the \$8 billion annual interest on that debt is of secondary importance. At any rate, both parties agree that foreign aid is essential to our security, directly or indirectly.

The proponents of foreign aid have important points on their side. Foreign aid does provide a half million jobs inside the U.S. It reduces the cost of defense by assisting our allies to finance a part of their own defense which indirectly helps us. There is a humanitarian value in helping others less fortunate than ourselves in preserving their freedom.

Foreign aid fights the fanatical drive of Communism . . . but more important in this direction, it fights the things which make any "ism" possible. For Communism is not the only thing ailing the free world. Hunger, hopelessness, economic frustration, disease, exploitation, ignorance, superstitions, lack of water and productive soil . . . are at the root of the trouble and the seeds which create human convulsion, revolts and mass hysteria "to a way out." The way out usually results in rebellion, in uprisings against authority, and creation of another "ism" to

plague the peace of the world.

It cannot be said too often that while foreign aid at the moment is directed to fight Communism, it should also be directed to fighting the things which make any "ism" possible in the future. For it hasn't been too long since we gave our blood and our billions to fight Socialism, Fascism, Nazism . . . only to get something even worse . . . Communism.

When we rid ourselves of Communism, we could again be confronted with something else as bad . . . unless in the process we create a climate under which no kind of "ism" can organize and survive. This is the real challenge of foreign aid . . . it is not just to fight Communism. The \$64,000 question, it seems to me, is whether our foreign aid is creating the climate in which the menace of present or future "isms" can be reduced and prevented.

Forgetting the billions we poured into Europe in World War I . . . and never got back . . . and the billions during World War II . . . including \$10 billion to Russia alone . . . we gave the following sums in foreign aid grants to friend and foe alike just since the end of World War II:

France, \$4 1/2 billion; Britain, \$3,770,000,000; Italy (a former enemy), \$2,757,000,000; Germany (a former enemy), \$1,800,000,000; Japan (a former enemy), \$2 billion; Austria (a former enemy), \$1,100,000,000; Yugoslavia, \$1,300,000,000; Greece, \$1 billion; Russia, \$470 million; Turkey, \$500 million; Poland, \$365 million; Norway, \$240

million; Pakistan, \$225 million; India, \$220 million; Czechoslovakia, \$200 million; Sweden, \$100 million; Indonesia, \$118 million; Hungary, \$50 million.

These amounts represent only our foreign aid grants since 1945 and do not include all direct military aid, or other special financial assistance through the United Nations and special technical programs in health, agriculture, housing, rehabilitation, disaster, etc.

Any observer familiar with the facts abroad must conclude that American foreign aid, when intelligently implemented, does directly help America and improve the climate for a better world. There is no quarrel in this direction except by those few isolationists who still believe that we can pull back to our shores, hand over the world to the Communists on a silver platter, without jeopardizing our world sources of raw materials, markets, and ultimately our way of life and our freedom. But it is the implementation of foreign which needs improvement . . . which needs a house-cleaning . . . and which is wasting billions of hard-earned U.S. tax dollars.

While both Republicans and Democrats extend all-out support to foreign aid, neither has up to now proposed any sound plan for a hard look at the way the money will be spent . . . or any changes in the present deplorable and wasteful policy.

In our next column we propose to show specific cases of this waste, with suggestions of how to reduce it to a minimum.

Rx FOR GOOD HEALTH

Joy of Pets Outweighs Perils

The joy that children receive from pets, particularly dogs and cats, far outweighs the danger incurred from bites and disease that the animals may inflict on them.

This was revealed in an article by Dr. Hugh A. Carithers, of Jacksonville, Fla., which appeared in a recent issue of the Journal of Diseases of Children, published by the American Medical Assn.

The report noted no serious or lasting effects to 157 children who had been bitten by one of 10 species of animals during the 20-month study.

The majority of children bitten were between the ages of 2 and 10 years. "This is during the time when parental protection wanes and the adventurous spirit takes over," said Dr. Carithers. He added, "After the 10th year a child has attained considerable discretion in handling animals."

A boy's natural aggressiveness towards animals was illustrated by the fact that males held a three to two ratio over females in the number of bites.

Seasonal factors seem to have little or no importance as to when an animal might attack. No less than four nor more than 15 cases were recorded in any one month.

Of the various animal bites examined during the survey, the dog was the most frequent offender. "To his credit, however, it should be pointed out that the child was usually at fault," Dr. Carithers said.

Observations seem to indicate the following reasons are most common: in self-defense, unintentionally during play, and in protection of their property.

In addition to the dog, other animals involved in the study were the cat, rabbit, squirrel, horse, rat, hamster,

monkey, skunk, and raccoon.

Dr. Carithers feels that the emotional and educational value of pets far outweighs the danger of bites and ease to which children are subjected. He offers the following suggestions to help prevent accidental biting:

- 1) Usually, older animals are to be preferred to immature ones as pets for young children.
- 2) Children should be taught that animals have rights, including an existence free of pain and excessive teasing.
- 3) Children should be taught to avoid all strange animals, especially sick or injured ones.
- 4) Children should be told to avoid routes where dogs are known to chase vehicles, and not to trespass on private property.
- 5) Under adult supervision, children should be encouraged to make friends with pets in their neighborhood.
- 6) An adult should be called when a child finds two animals fighting.

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THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

It Feels Good When It's Over

Snow and cold weather may sound exciting to the guy who's never seen it before, but 'sno fun when there's snow all winter.

Native Californians usually are crazy to take a gander at the dainty white flakes which drop from heaven, but the transplanted Californian who came from colder climes may have different feelings about snow.

To the novice, snow means sledding, skiing, skating and lots of fun. To somebody who grew up in it, snow may mean a nuisance, drudgery, and danger.

A white Christmas is nice, but it has its drawbacks.

Veteran residents of snow regions know that the first gusts of cold air usually are the signal for putting up the storm windows. That means taking down all the screens, washing off the storm windows, and trying to figure out which window goes where.

Then, as the first white flakes drift down, the speed of life changes. There are probably few people around who would claim that they enjoy trying to pilot a car through snow, especially when the mercury has made the streets as slippery as a freshly polished floor.

Icy roads give the driver a

helpless feeling, as he is never sure whether he is going to stop or slide right on into the car ahead. Hence, cars barely creep along. Even so, there are many fenders bent and many cars stuck in snowdrifts.

Walking becomes a tedious chore, either leaping through snowdrifts, or skittering along on icy sidewalks. There's nothing like skating along the sidewalks in a mad dash for a bus and suddenly finding yourself flying through the air into a snowdrift.

Another of the joys (?) of snow is the weighty wardrobe everyone has to wear before venturing out. Even a trip to the garage may entail a sweater, overcoat, scarf, earmuffs, gloves, and overshoes. All of this paraphernalia is heavy and requires considerable finagling to put on and remove. It does cushion your falls, however.

Then, there's that instrument of torture known as the snow shovel. It is used to clear a path for cars and pedestrians. If you happen to have a long driveway, your muscles may be well developed by the time spring rolls around. The snow shovel is

almost standard equipment on cars, for use in getting the car unstuck from drifts where it has skidded.

Starting the car in the morning is always a real chore, because the colder the temperature, the less cooperative the motor.

During heavy snow, there is no certainty that you will get to your destination and get back home if you do manage to get to work. Many people have found themselves marooned at work or at a neighbor's house or even in their cars.

When spring rears its green head, there is a sappy mess of slush to contend with. Streets are full of dirty goo and the unwary pedestrian may find himself sopping in the wake of a passing car. Excited kiddies may tramp the mess all over the house.

There is one advantage to snow—it feels so good when it's over. There's nothing more thrilling than the first signs of spring after a long, cold winter.

The principle is about the same as sitting in an icebox. It raises goosebumps all over and makes your teeth chatter, but it feels so good when you get out.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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Good Adverse Neutral

Unemployment Facts

An unemployment claim is filed by a visit to the nearest local office of the Department of Employment, where the worker is given an information pamphlet, an application for work, a new claim set and an initial claim statement. He will be asked to fill out the forms and return them at an appointed time.

A later appointment time is specified in order to give department personnel time to review, with the worker his experience and qualifications and to be sure his application properly reflects his abilities.

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